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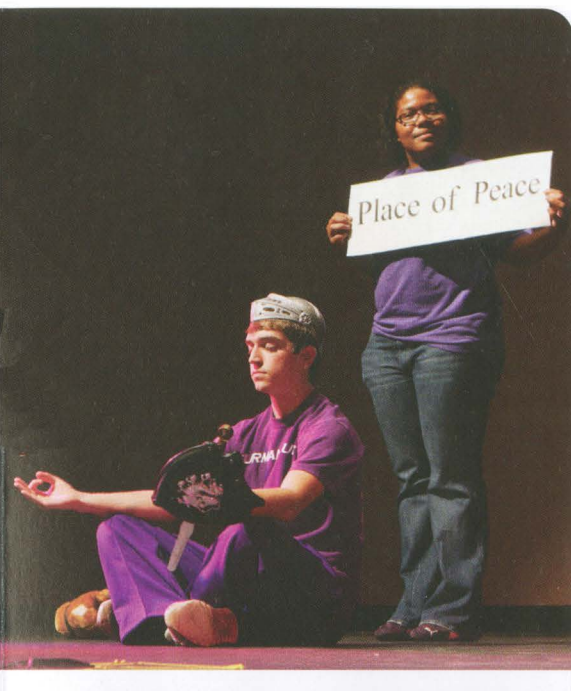
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At the Opening Convocation of the school year September 4, five seniors were recognized as Furman Fellows for 2008-09.

The Furman Fellows program, made possible by a generous donation from trustee Bob Buckman and his wife, Joyce Mollerup, is designed to recognize the accomplishments and support the potential of five exceptional members of the senior class. Each Fellow receives a \$5,000 award.

This year's honorees (left to right):

> **Chris Gaafary**, a neuroscience major from Greenville. An avid researcher, he has been described as exemplifying "the spirit of liberal inquiry and engagement that is at the core of Furman's mission."

> **Joinné Ruff**, a communication studies major from Birmingham, Ala. She has embraced the Furman ideal of service through her dedicated work with a peer-mentoring program at Greenville's Beck Middle School.

> **Melissa Summer**, an education/piano major from Hickory, N.C. An accomplished musician, she has worked as a tutor for at-risk students and interned with the North Carolina Department of Education.

> **Kate Myatt**, an economics major from

Marietta, Ga. She is a captain of the women's soccer team and a leader in organizing service activities in the Greenville community for Furman athletes.

> **James "Beamer" Carr**, a neuroscience major from Roanoke, Va. He is a member of the baseball team and has been elected to Quaternion, Furman's select honor society for men.

In addition to recognizing the Furman Fellows, Furman presented several other awards during the convocation. Harry Shucker '66, recently retired vice president for student services, received the Bell Tower Award for his contributions to university life.

Two honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees were presented. One went to John Alex Floyd, Jr., an advocate for environmental concerns and editor of *Southern Living* magazine who made invaluable contributions toward the construction of The Cliffs Cottage at Furman, the magazine's first sustainable showcase home. The other honoree, Rubye Hopkins Jones, is a Greenville educator, administrator, mentor and community activist who has been director of children and family development with SHARE (Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources) since 1987.